

Defense Quarterly Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p.* D1269)

S. 1818, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall. Signed on November 3, 2009. (Public Law 111–90)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Affairs, Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, and Marisa Lago, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Markets and Development, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1757, to provide for the prepayment of a repayment contract between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, S. 1758, to provide for the allocation of costs to project power with respect to power development within the Diamond Fork System, and S. 1759, to authorize certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to continue consideration of S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, 9 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey L. Bleich, of California, to be Ambassador to Australia, David Huebner, of California, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa, Robert R. King, of Virginia, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador, and Peter Alan Prahar, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine business formation and financial crime, focusing on finding a legislative solution, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1490, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 139, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1472, to establish a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws, to make technical and conforming amendments to criminal and immigration laws pertaining to human rights violations, S. 1147, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and the nominations of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Kenyen Ray Brown, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Stephanie M. Rose, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, and Nicholas A. Klinefeldt, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine reducing recidivism at the local level, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs and Indian Health Service cooperation, 10 a.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Iraq and Afghanistan: Perspectives on U.S. Strategy, Part II, 10:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.